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### MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DDC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: Holiday Safety Message

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but it is unfortunately, also a time when we see an increase in accidents at home and a tragic jump in the number of alcohol-related highway fatalities. Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash and hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives. That's why I am taking this opportunity to remind everyone this holiday season to make safe choices and always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol. Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk.

Additionally, let's pause and redouble our efforts to be safe at work and at home during this special time of year. Hectic schedules are filled with distractions and can increase stress, and with it, there is a possibility of mistakes and injuries. Let's ensure this holiday season is festive, pleasantly memorable and injury-free as we enjoy the holiday festivities that bring families and friends together.

We are also mindful that this holiday season finds many family members and friends far from home, supporting our forces around the globe, or on duty whenever and wherever they are needed – please keep them in your thoughts.

I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season, filled with the spirit of peace and happiness.

MICHAEL J. LALLY  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commander